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The critical situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, continues to deteriorate and the Palestinian civilian population under Israeli occupation is facing a deepening humanitarian crisis because of the occupying Power's continued closure of border crossings and its imposition of severe restrictions on movement and access, including for humanitarian supplies. In addition to the turmoil, uncertainty and instability being experienced by the Palestinian people as a result of the regrettable military coup carried out by outlaw militias affiliated with Hamas that took over Palestinian Authority institutions in the Gaza Strip last week, fears are now growing among the civilian population about impending shortages of essential food, medical and fuel supplies due to Israel's tightening of closure on all of the border crossings into and out of the Gaza Strip and its attempts to further isolate the Gaza Strip from the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the outside world.

The United Nations, through its various agencies operating on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, among others, have been calling attention to this dire situation and are carrying out urgent efforts to provide vital assistance to the Palestinian civilian population. However, as noted today in statements by United Nations officials, the agencies providing such emergency assistance will soon run out of supplies if Israel, the occupying Power, does not allow for the immediate and regular opening of border crossings, including the main cargo crossing at Karni. Continued closure will have a devastating impact on the already desperate and impoverished Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip. The international community must thus strongly urge Israel, the occupying Power, to open the border crossings to allow for movement of essential goods and supplies into the Gaza Strip and also to allow ill

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Palestinian civilians in urgent need of medical treatment access to proper medical care outside of Gaza in order to avert the further exacerbation of this crisis.

At the same time, I must draw your attention to the fact that Israel, the occupying Power, continues to carry out military attacks and other illegal policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, further inflaming tensions and ensuring the continued decline of the situation on the ground. Today, the Israeli occupying forces carried out several attacks in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, killing at least six Palestinian men. Four of the men were killed in an Israeli missile and tank attack near Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip and two of the men were killed in a military raid near the city of Jenin in the West Bank. Also, a few days ago, on 14 June 2007, the Israeli occupying forces killed four Palestinian children, ranging from 13 to 17 years of age, by indiscriminately firing tank shells at civilian homes in the Al-Showka neighbourhood of Rafah in the Gaza Strip. The occupying Power has never ceased its use of such excessive and deadly force against the Palestinian people under its occupation and continues to carry out violent military raids and incursions and arrest campaigns throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory unabated.

The situation on the ground as a result continues to be one characterized by daily violence by the occupying forces against the Palestinian civilian population, resulting in both human and material loss and destruction, and the continued arrest and detention of thousands of Palestinians. Simultaneously, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to pursue its illegal settlement campaign and unlawful construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in particular in and around East Jerusalem, and continues to impose more than 550 checkpoints and roadblocks to restrict Palestinian movement, collectively punishing the entire population and destroying their socio-economic life. The cumulative impact of all such illegal Israeli actions is the grave undermining — if not the total prevention — of any attempts for the normal development of the Palestinian society, for the recovery of the devastated economy and for the effective functioning of the Palestinian Authority.

The international community must take action to compel Israel to cease forthwith such illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian people and to instead scrupulously abide by its legal obligations under international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, in its actions towards the civilian population under its occupation. Israel cannot be allowed to continue to ignore and gravely breach its obligations under international law with impunity. The Security Council, the United Nations organ entrusted with the maintenance of international peace and security, must uphold its responsibilities in this regard.

In closing, I wish to reiterate that the Palestinian leadership, under the leadership of President Mahmoud Abbas, remains committed to the objective of bringing an end to the 40-year-old Israeli occupation of the Palestinian land, including East Jerusalem, and achieving a just and peaceful settlement to the question of Palestine and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Thus, the Palestinian leadership continues to do its utmost to bring calm and stability to its people and to extend its hand in pursuit of negotiated and just peace, on the basis of international law, United Nations resolutions, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Road Map. We urge the international community to extend its needed support to these serious efforts and to actively promote the peace process on an urgent basis.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 284 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 30 May 2007 (A/ES-10/387-S/2007/322), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that since 30 May 2007 at least 21 more Palestinian civilians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,575. (The names of the martyrs who have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 20 June 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Friday, 1 June 2007, to Wednesday, 20 June 2007)

Friday, 1 June 2007

1. Fadi Abu Mostafa
2. Ahmad Sabri Abu Zobaideh (10)
3. Zaher Al-Majdalawi (9)
4. Hamza Ameen Al-Masri (16)

Saturday, 2 June 2007

5. Rami Shana'ah

Sunday, 3 June 2007

6. Mohammad Ameen Farahty

Wednesday, 6 June 2007

7. Kamal Sa'ad

Friday, 8 June 2007

8. Hijazi Rozaiqat (17)

Thursday, 14 June 2007

9. Alaa' Barbakh
10. Imad Barback
11. Bilal Al-Hassi
12. Mohammad Al-Hassi
13. Mohammad Abdel-Jabbar Twair
14. Yaseen Yaseen

Monday, 18 June 2007

15. Jehad Al-Madhoon

Wednesday, 20 June 2007

16. Suleiman Khashan (19)
17. Khaled Mohammad Al-Farra (18)
18. Ahmad Owni Al-Abadelleh
19. Obaid Sami Shaath
20. Ibrahim Abed
21. Ziyad Malayesh

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Letter dated 14 June 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

The General Assembly, in its resolution ES-10/17 adopted on 15 December 2006 at its tenth emergency special session, requested me to report, within six months, on the progress made with regard to the establishment of the United Nations Register of Damage Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the establishment and operation of the Office of the Register of Damage.

In compliance with that request, on 10 May 2007, I appointed, in their personal capacity, the following three international experts to the Board of the Register of Damage: Harumi Hori of Japan, Matti Paavo Pellonpää of Finland and Michael F. Raboin of the United States of America. They have an established international reputation and expertise in all legal aspects of the processing and registration of damage claims. While selecting the members of the Board, I was also guided by the need to ensure the independence, objectivity and impartiality of the Register of Damage in compliance with the selection criteria defined in the report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/361) submitted pursuant to resolution ES-10/15.

The first meeting of the Board was convened from 14 to 16 May 2007 at the Office of the Register of Damage, immediately following the appointment of its members. The main purpose of the meeting was for representatives of the Secretariat to brief the three members of the Board and to initiate the work on drafting internal guiding documents.

Initial consideration was given to a number of key aspects of the work of the Register of Damage, including the potential procedures that could be employed for the distribution and collection of damage claim forms in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and the technical procedures that would be involved in the recording, storage and organization of those damage claims in the Office of the Register of Damage. The Board will hold its next meeting from 9 to 13 July 2007 in Vienna to pursue its efforts to address its most important responsibilities, namely:

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(a) To establish the rules and regulations governing the work of the Office of the Register of Damage;

(b) To determine the eligibility criteria for the inclusion in the Register of Damage of losses and damages that have an established causal link to the construction of the wall;

(c) To apply such criteria to the determination of the categories of losses and damages that may be included in the Register of Damage;

(d) To develop the format for the design of claim forms;

(e) To agree on modalities of a public-awareness programme to inform the Palestinian public of the requirements for and logistics involved in the filing of a damage claim for registration.

The Secretariat is currently in the process of completing the recruitment of qualified staff and the establishment of the Office of the Register of Damage at the United Nations Office at Vienna.

The Board of the Register of Damage will make every effort to carry out its functions expeditiously and thoroughly, guided by its mandate. I will continue to report to the General Assembly regularly about the work of the Register of Damage.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Identical letters dated 27 June 2007 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

It is my regret to inform you that Israel, the occupying Power, has intensified its deadly military campaign against the Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, killing and wounding more civilians and causing more widespread destruction. In military attacks carried out today, the Israeli occupying forces killed at least 12 Palestinians, including 3 children, and wounded at least 50 other Palestinians. These illegal actions by the occupying Power constitute grave breaches of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

While the Israeli Government purports to be seeking ways to reduce tension and resume dialogue, the reality on the ground is that the Israeli occupying forces have not for one day ceased the use of excessive and deadly force against the Palestinian civilian population and continue to carry out military assaults, raids and arrest campaigns throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In addition to all other incessant, illegal Israeli policies and practices, the continuation of this violent military campaign is severely exacerbating the already grave situation on the ground in all its aspects.

Today, Israel, the occupying Power, carried out numerous military attacks against towns, in the Gaza Strip in particular, further devastating, traumatizing and terrorizing the helpless and defenceless Palestinian civilian population in this suffocated and impoverished area of the Occupied Palestinian Territory early this morning. Israeli troops in tanks, armoured vehicles and bulldozers, backed at some points by helicopter gunships, raided the northern Gaza Strip in areas in and around Gaza City and the southern Gaza Strip in areas in and around Khan Younis, killing civilians and causing extensive destruction to civilian property, infrastructure and agricultural lands.

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In the Shoja'eh neighbourhood of Gaza City, the Israeli occupying forces fired tank artillery at a home, instantly killing four people, including a 12-year-old boy, Nadeem Sa'eed Jundiyeh, and two brothers, Youssef Al-Manasra, aged 18, and Sami Al-Manasra, aged 28. Another child, Ahmad Hillis, aged 16, was also killed by the occupying forces in the attack on that densely populated neighbourhood. In a raid on the town of Khoza'a, which is located to the east of Khan Younis, the Israeli occupying forces killed two Palestinians and wounded dozens of others and stormed several homes, occupying them and taking their residents hostage, while carrying out a massive arrest campaign that resulted in the illegal arrest of at least 200 more Palestinians. These attacks followed an Israeli air strike that was carried out on Sunday against a car in Gaza City, which resulted in the killing of a Palestinian man, Hossam Khaled Harb, aged 32. At the same time, the occupying forces have also been carrying out raids in the Nablus and Jenin areas, including in the Balata refugee camp, and have arrested numerous other Palestinians throughout the West Bank in recent days.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has strongly condemned these crimes committed by Israel against the Palestinian people. Such brutality and lawlessness by Israel, the occupying Power, has been the cause of daily death and destruction and compounded the suffering of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Moreover, in addition to escalating tensions and further fuelling the cycle of violence, these illegal Israeli policies and practices inevitably deepen and worsen the dire humanitarian conditions being experienced by the Palestinian civilian population. In this regard, several reports indicated that a humanitarian and health disaster is impending if Israel, the occupying Power, does not take immediate measures to open border crossings in to and out of the Gaza Strip to allow for the entry of much-needed food, medical and sanitation supplies and humanitarian supplies and humanitarian personnel.

We urge the international community, including the Security Council, to give this very grave situation serious attention. Action needs to be taken by the international community to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to immediately cease its illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian people. The occupying Power must abide by its legal obligations under international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, in all of its actions towards the civilian population under its occupation and must be held accountable for any and all violations and breaches committed in that regard. To allow Israel to continue acting with such total contempt for international law will only embolden it and further dampen the prospects for any improvement of the situation on the ground and any progress aimed at a genuine resumption of dialogue and the peace process.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 285 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 20 June 2007 (A/ES-10/388-S/2007/373), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since 20 June 2007, at least 15 more Palestinian civilians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,590. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Feda Abdelhady **Nasser**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex to the identical letters dated 27 June 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (From Friday, 22 June 2007, to Wednesday, 27 June 2007)

Friday, 22 June 2007

1. Shadi Rajeh Al-Matoor

Sunday, 24 June 2007

2. Hossam Khaled Harb

Wednesday, 27 June 2007

3. Ali Hillis
4. Nafez Hillis
5. Ahmad Hillis (16)
6. Ra'ed Fannoona
7. Anan Al-Ara'eer
8. Hazem Ziyad Jundiyeh
9. Nadeem Sa'eed Jundiyeh (12)
10. Sami Abbas Al-Manasra
11. Youssef Abbas Al-Manasra (18)
12. Dia' Mohammad Abu Daqqa
13. Hossam Abu To'aima
14. Youssef Khaled Joha
15. Zakariya Al-Titr

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Following up on our letter sent yesterday, we regret to inform you that Israel, the occupying Power, has continued its deadly military campaign against the Palestinian civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Today, Israeli occupying forces backed by 80 military vehicles invaded the town of Nablus in the northern West Bank which was already under siege, killing at least one civilian in the Balata refugee camp, Hatem Saleh, and wounding several others. In addition to causing death and injury, Israeli occupying forces conducted house-to-house searches, arresting scores of Palestinians. The Old City of Nablus and the Balata refugee camp have been placed under curfew and Israeli occupying forces have turned several Palestinian homes into military outposts, holding entire families hostage. Moreover, army barricades have been placed around the city's hospitals, preventing injured persons from seeking medical treatment and ambulances from reaching the injured.

The Palestinian Prime Minister, Salam Fayyad, has strongly condemned this latest Israeli aggression, describing it as a way to undermine the efforts of the Palestinian National Authority to restore calm and provide security to the Palestinian people. In this regard, we call on the international community, including the Security Council, to take urgent measures to ensure that Israel, the occupying Power, ends its military campaign and fulfils its responsibilities in accordance with international law, including humanitarian and human rights law. Continued inaction on the part of the international community will only encourage more impunity and increased tension in the region. This should be avoided at all costs.

The present letter follows up our previous 286 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 27 June 2007, constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since

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September 2000. For all of these war crimes, acts of State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that the killing of Mr. Hitam Saleh by Israeli occupying forces raises the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,591.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

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Over the last few days, Israel, the occupying Power, has been intensifying its military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, further proving its unwillingness to take steps towards peace and its determination to intensify the conflict.

Israeli occupying forces have continued their military attacks and illegal policy of extrajudicial executions against Palestinian civilians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. On Saturday, 30 June 2007, Israeli occupying forces killed 7 Palestinians, including a man and his son, and wounded 10 others, including 2 children, in two air strikes against Khan Yunis town in the southern Gaza Strip and Al-Maghazi refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip. Israeli warplanes fired two missiles at a civilian car, in which three Palestinians were travelling, on Al-Sikka Street in the east of Khan Yunis. The car was destroyed and the three persons were killed. On the same day, an Israeli warplane fired a missile at a workshop belonging to Salah Abdel Hafez Quffah in Al-Maghazi refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip. Quffah, his son, Iyad, and two others were killed. On 2 July 2007, Israeli occupying forces assassinated 24-year-old Mohammad Abu Al-Haija'. The Israeli Prime Minister vowed to continue his Government's illegal policy of assassinations. These actions come at the heel of the Israeli killing of 13 Palestinians on 27 June 2007, and of a continuation of the policy of the Government of Israel that has consistently undermined all peace efforts over the years and has cost the Palestinian and Israeli peoples one lost opportunity after another for peace.

It was only eight days ago that President Mahmoud Abbas extended his hand in peace at the Sharm Al-Sheikh summit. The Palestinian leadership has made its intention and plan for peace very clear and it has taken concrete steps to forward the cause of peace. Unfortunately, Israel has responded to these sincere calls for peace by shedding more Palestinian blood.

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Israel, the occupying Power, has also continued its arrest campaigns of dozens of Palestinians throughout the West Bank during raids on Palestinian towns, villages and refugee camps across the West Bank, thus adding more Palestinians to the thousands of political prisoners in Israeli jails.

The occupying Power's illegal actions have not been limited to targeting Palestinians through assassinations and arrests, but also to confiscating and razing Palestinian land. Recently, Israel has razed 180 dunums of agricultural land in the East Jerusalem village of Al-Jib. This action is clearly intended to drive Palestinians out of their land and deprive them of their livelihood to make way for the expansion of the illegal settlement of "Givat Ze'ev" as well as to allow for the construction of the illegal separation wall in that area, which would further isolate Occupied East Jerusalem from its Palestinian surrounding. Building walls and constructing illegal settlements are further measures to intensify the conflict and abort all efforts aimed at achieving peace and justice.

These reprehensible occupation measures have been encouraged by the silence of the international community, especially the Security Council, towards Israel's flagrant violations of international law and international humanitarian law with regards to the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In this regard, we express our expectation that the United Nations Secretariat, as part of its responsibility, respond and condemn these Israeli illegal actions. The international community and the United Nations must take a principled and leading position in confronting such blatant Israeli aggression, which sabotages all sincere efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 287 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 29 June 2007 (A/ES-10/391-S/2007/397),constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that since 29 June 2007 at least eight more Palestinian civilians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,599. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Saturday, 30 June 2007, to Monday, 2 July 2007)

Saturday, 30 June 2007

1. Ziyad Shakir Ghannam
2. Ra'ed Fou'ad Ghannam
3. Mohammad Al-Ra'ei
4. Salah Abdel Hafez Quffah
5. Iyad Salah Abdel Hafez Quffah
6. Sameer Ali Abu Musallam
7. Ali Ahmad Al-Aiadi

Monday, 2 July 2007

Mohammad Abu Al-Haija'

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I am compelled, for the third time in a week, to once again draw your attention to the continuing military attacks being carried out by Israel, the occupying Power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip, and the consequent rise in the toll of death and destruction being endured by the Palestinian people.

The short- and long-term ramifications of such illegal and violent actions by the occupying Power are many and serious for such actions, among other things, assure the further inflammation of tensions, the perpetuation and escalation of the cycle of violence and the continued deterioration of the humanitarian situation. This in turn undermines any efforts being made towards calming the situation on the ground and towards the resumption of peace negotiations. The international community cannot continue to sit idly by while Israel continues to commit such crimes against the defenceless civilian population under its occupation and continues to sabotage peace efforts, including the serious efforts being exerted by the Palestinian Authority at the current time.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces launched yet another military assault on the Gaza Strip, particularly in the area near Al-Bureij refugee camp, by both ground and air. Using fighter planes, tanks and bulldozers, the occupying forces pushed about one kilometre into that part of the central Gaza Strip, seizing positions on rooftops and firing artillery and missiles at Palestinians in the area. A total of at least 11 Palestinians were killed today by the Israeli occupying forces in these attacks and at least another 26 Palestinians were wounded. Among those critically wounded was a cameraman for a Palestinian television station, Imad Ghanem, who was repeatedly shot at by the Israeli occupying forces while he was trying to film the attacks. The occupying forces also harassed, detained and assaulted several paramedics who were attempting to aid those Palestinians wounded by Israeli fire in the area. In addition, the occupying forces arrested at least 18 more Palestinians

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during this assault on the Gaza Strip, contributing to the daily rise in the number of Palestinian prisoners being illegally held by Israel.

In another incident indicative of the occupying Power's complete lack of respect for Palestinian human life, the Israeli occupying forces committed yet another crime against a Palestinian child. On Tuesday, 3 July 2007, in the city of Al-Khalil in the West Bank, Israeli occupying forces fired at and killed Ahmad Al-Skafi, age 15, while he was playing with his friends in the neighbourhood. Following the shooting of the boy, the Israeli soldiers then prevented paramedics from reaching his body and unleashed their guard dogs at him, which tore off his arm and caused him additional trauma and suffering as he lay dying in the street.

We implore the international community, including in particular the United Nations Security Council, to end its silence and to give due attention to this critical situation. Urgent measures must be considered to bring a halt to the military onslaught that continues to be carried out by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. Such crimes committed by the occupying Power must be unequivocally condemned by all who respect and uphold international law and human rights, and serious efforts must be undertaken in this regard to uphold international law. In particular, it is imperative to reiterate that the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War have a legal obligation to respect and to ensure respect of the Convention in all circumstances. This must necessarily include the prevention of such war crimes against the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation, who must not be excluded from the protection accorded to civilian persons under international law.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 288 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 3 July 2007 (A/ES-10/392-S/2007/405), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you two days ago, at least 12 more Palestinian civilians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,611 people. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (From Tuesday, 3 July 2007, to Thursday, 5 July 2007)

Tuesday, 3 July 2007

1. Ahmad Abdel Mohsen Al-Skafi (15)

Thursday, 5 July 2007

2. Mohammad Jawad Siyam
3. Ahmad Suleiman Al-Qrainawi
4. Mohammad Nayef Al-Qwaidat
5. Ahmad Abu Jild
6. Mohammad Abu Arqoud
7. Mahmoud Nour
8. Mohammad Mostafa Mansour
9. Obaida Hijazi Al-Qassas
10. Ahmad Abu Najei' (18)
11. Mohammad Nofal
12. Ammar Shaheen

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Identical letters dated 26 July 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to you at the end of another violent day in the Occupied Palestinian Territory due to the continuation by Israel, the occupying Power, of its illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian people and its determination to continue on the path of violence rather than peace. While the Palestinian leadership is taking every step possible to promote stability and enhance the chances for peace, the occupying Power continues taking actions that undermine these steps and threaten the prospects for peace and stability.

The Israeli occupying forces continue carrying out military incursions and raids throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The ongoing raids have included daily arrest campaigns in which dozens of Palestinians have been arbitrarily detained in addition to the thousands of Palestinians already being detained and imprisoned by the occupying Power. Moreover, these incursions are typically violent operations endangering the safety and well-being of the Palestinian civilian population in those areas and involve the harassment, humiliation and physical ill-treatment of the civilians. One tragic example in this regard occurred in the village of Taqu' near Bethlehem, where Israeli soldiers beat 20-year-old Jihad Al-Sha'er to death. According to medical reports, the young man was bludgeoned to death and had not received any gunshot wounds, contrary to the story presented by the Israeli occupation forces. The brutal murder of this civilian is yet further indication of the total disregard for Palestinian life that the occupying Power has repeatedly displayed through its lax treatment of such blatant criminal acts by its forces. In addition, the occupying Power continues to carry out illegal extrajudicial killings of Palestinians, with at least three Palestinian men killed today by the occupying forces in a targeted missile airstrike at their car in Gaza City and another two men killed in military raids in the southern Gaza Strip.

At the same time, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to impose a suffocating siege and closure on the Gaza Strip, completely restricting the freedom

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of movement of the Palestinian civilian population and denying it access to the basic requirements for a dignified life and violating, collectively and individually, their most basic human rights. Despite allowing the entry into Gaza of daily subsistence needs of food, fuel and medicine, the occupying Power continues to deprive Gaza of other vital commodities, including building and other industrial goods. Seventy-five per cent of Gaza's factories have already shut down because of this Israeli siege and large-scale construction projects by United Nations agencies have been halted, denying thousands a chance of employment, even if only temporarily, and preventing the needed reconstruction and redevelopment of much of the damaged and destroyed civilian infrastructure. Further, I wish to recall the recent warning of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East that without an end to the Israeli siege of the Gaza Strip, the humanitarian situation will continue to decline and the inhabitants of Gaza will shortly become completely dependent on outside aid for survival.

The continuation of all such illegal, inhumane and provocative actions by the occupying Power are totally contradictory to the Israeli Government's statements of commitment to the peace process and dialogue with the Palestinian leadership, which, despite the difficult situation on the ground, continues to exert efforts to calm the situation and pursue a just, peaceful settlement of the conflict with Israel. The repeated military assaults and the continuing siege on Gaza, in addition to Israel's non-stop unlawful colonization of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, undermine every effort to move towards peace, for, contrary to its spoken words, these actions show the true intentions of the occupying Power to continue oppressing the Palestinian civilian population and continue its illegal occupation.

There is, despite the many difficulties of the current situation, an opportunity to move towards peace in the region, as evidenced by the various international, Arab and Palestinian efforts being exerted in this regard. Just yesterday, 25 July, a historic visit to Israel was undertaken by two Arab Foreign Ministers, representing the League of Arab States, to promote the Arab Peace Initiative. Moreover, United States President George W. Bush has called for an international conference in the coming months to bring the parties together in order to resume the peace process, based on the clear understanding that peace and security in the region can only be realized through an end to this foreign military occupation and the establishment of a viable, contiguous independent Palestinian state. These opportunities must be seized and built upon and the illegal actions of Israel, which move us all in the opposite direction, must be rejected, and Israel must be compelled to cease its violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, to abide by resolutions of international legitimacy and to seriously pursue peace in good faith.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 289 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 5 July 2007 (A/ES-10/393-S/2007/411), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you two days ago, at least 13 more Palestinian civilians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,624 people. (The names of the martyrs identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 26 July 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (From Sunday, 8 July 2007, to Thursday, 26 July 2007)

Sunday, 8 July 2007

1. Mahmoud Najeeb Nazzal

Thursday, 12 July 2007

2. Mohammad Omar Salah Ziab

Thursday, 19 July 2007

3. Ali Zuhdi Hallas

Sunday, 22 July 2007

4. Mohammad Abu Saif
5. Abdel Rahman Al-Kafarneh
6. Mohammad Ma'rouf (19)
7. Mostafa Abbas

Thursday, 26 July 2007

8. Omar Arafat Al-Khateeb
9. Khalil Zaid Al-D'aifi
10. Ahmad Hassan Al-Bal'aawi
11. Shareef Brais
12. Jihad Al-Sha'er
13. Mahmoud Ali Abu Daqqa

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,624.